rat-borne diseases in South Gujarat in the last week of August, 1997;

(b) if so, how many such patients were treated in South Gujarat; and

(c) the steps taken to check the spread of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. Some persons died due to Laptospirosis which is a rodent-borne disease.

(b) Total 657 patients of suspected Leptospirosis (one of the Zoontic) were treated from 17.7.97 to 20.10.97 in South Gujarat out of which 86 cases were serologically confirmed for leptospirosis.

(c) 1. Arrangements were made for admission and appropriate treatment of cases in district hospitals and other important towns.

2. House to house survey in two districts was undertaken for fever cases. Cases in contracts were given chloroquin and tetracycline tablets.

3. 450 teams in Valsad disrict and 244 teams in Surat district worked in the affected areas to provide health education to the community, and to organise surveys.

4. Distribution of health education material.

5. Rodent control measure.

6. Training workshop was organised at Valsad & Surat.

Misuse of Public Fund by the Regional Medical Research Centre at Bhubaneshwar

998. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team has visited Orissa to conduct an inquiry regarding misuse of public funds by the Bhubaneshwar-based Regional Medical Research Centre; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A fact finding team was deputed by ICMR to Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubneshwar. The team has found certain administrative/financial irregularities and the Council has been advised to take appropriate action in the matter.

Conditions for grant of concessions to charitable hospitals

999. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of conditions subject to which different charitable and other hospitals in the Capital have been granted different kinds of concessions and grants as on date; and

(b) what is the mechanism to ensure the adherence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Delhi Development Authority have informed that the hospital sites are allotted to the Registered Societies on the recommendations of the Government of NCT of Delhi with the condition that hospitals will provide 25% of their services to the poor people.

(b) If any communication is received by Delhi Development Authority about any hospital regarding the non-providing of the free treatment, action is initiated as per rules against the Society to whom the land has been allotted.

Spread of incurable tuberculosis and malignant malaria in the country

1000. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the World Bank study report that a virtually incurable form of tuberculosis is spreading world-wide and India is one of the spots;